

Interactive comment on “Institutional design and regime effectiveness in transboundary river management – the Elbe water quality regime” by I. Dombrowsky

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Two reviews of the manuscript have now been achieved and published as “Referee Comments” in HESSD. I hereby acknowledge the referees for their work and valuable comments. They both agree in finding this paper interesting and informative, suitable for publication in HESS. Based on these evaluations and my own reading of the manuscript, the latter is accepted for publication in the special issue “Man and river systems: Long term interactions between societies and nature in regional scale watersheds” with minor changes.

The author is asked to write an “Author Comment” within 4 weeks to respond to the

referee comments and attributed short comments if any, and to submit a revised version of the manuscript accordingly. In doing so, she shall address each point of the referee comments and provide a list of the changes introduced to the manuscript.

In addition to the minor demands from referees that should be answered and lead to some precisions in the manuscript, it seems important 1) to better use the notion of asymmetry in order to improve the case study and to make comparisons with other cases possible, 2) to refer to other cases, as suggested by both referees, and not only the Rhine, 3) to give more precisions about expert scoring (limits - due to the limited number of interviews, but also to the objective/subjective weighing -, differences between experts, etc.) and relevance of quantitative results, 4) to be more precise about scores selected for the no-regime counterfactual (and give answer to referee #3 on this point, of course).

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